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KWANGTUNG PLANS 1950 AGRICULTURAL LOANS; CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REGULATES AFFORESTATION

LOANS TO TOTAL 7.5 BILLION YUAN -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 25 Mar 50

The Kwangtung branch of the China People's Bank is planning to extend 7.5 billion yuan in agricultural loans during 1950. A plan for distribution of the money has already been formulated in conjunction with the provincial Office of Agriculture and Forestry, the Chu Chiang (Pearl River) Water-Conservation Bureau and other concerned agencies. This aid will be in addition to pumps loaned to the farmers under the government's flood-prevention plan.

The loan will be made in the form of commodities, but will be repaid in cash by the farmers at the prevailing market rate of the goods in the borrower's locality. Goods will include farm implements and fertilizer in accordance with individual needs.

The total loan will be divided into two parts under the general headings of water conservation and special products. The former will be used primarily for the repair and construction of dikes for flood prevention. Dike loans for the Han Chiang area will be handled by the Swatow branch bank, the Tung Chiang (East River) area by the Hui-yang branch, and the Hsi Chiang (West River) area by the provincial and Chao-ch'ing branches.

Special products loans will be subdivided into sericulture, sugar, and jute loans. Jute loans will be handled by the Chan-chiang branch bank and the others by joint action of the provincial branch and the Shun-te business office.

Loans in the various categories will be made beginning 25 March 1950. It is estimated that the water-conservation portion of the loan will be completely disbursed within 20 days and the remainder within 30-40 days, delayed because of the need for coordinating loans with the various farming seasons.

Amounts to be disbursed by the various branch banks and purpose of the loans are as follows:

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Place	Type of Loan	Amount (million yuan)
Chao-ch'ing	Water Conservation	750
Hui-yang	Water Conservation	300
Swatow	Water Conservation	750
	Sugar	750
Chan-chiang	Jute	900
Shun-te	Sericulture	3,000
	Sugar	750
Tung-kuan	Sugar	300
Total		7,500

KWANGTUNG ANNOUNCES 1950 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 14 Mar 50

Canton, 13 March -- The Kwangtung Provincial government has announced its 1950 agricultural production plans, outlined as follows:

1. The 1949 grain-production level will be maintained in the Ch'u Chiang and the southern Kwangtung areas, but in all other areas it must be increased by the following amounts over 1949: Mei Hsien and Hsing-ning areas -- 150,000 piculs /one picul equals 133 1/3 pounds/; Central Kwangtung area -- 200,000 piculs; Hsi Chiang area -- 300,000 piculs; Ch'ao-chou and Swatow areas -- 400,000 piculs; Tung Chiang area -- 450,000 piculs; and Pei Chiang area -- 500,000 piculs.

2. In 1950, 420,000 shih mou /one shih mou equals one acre/ of sugar cane will be planted; 320,000 shih mou in the Ch'u Chiang area and 100,000 shih mou in the Ch'ao-chou and Swatow areas, which will produce 1,600,000 shih tan /one shih tan equals 50 kilograms/ of refined sugar.

3. The acreage of mulberry orchards will be the same as in 1949 -- 210,000 shih mou -- enough to produce 7,700 piculs of silk.

4. In Mao-ming and Wu-ch'uan hsiens, 30,000 shih mou of hemp will be planted.

ISSUES DIRECTIONS ON SPRING AFFORESTATION -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 21 Mar 50

Peiping, 19 March (Hsin-hua) -- The Central Ministry of Forestry and Land Reclamation has issued the following directive governing spring afforestation projects:

1. Take advantage of the spring slack season in the country and begin work as the season permits in the various regions.

2. Plant trees on mountain slopes, plains, rivers banks, seashores, along highways and railroads. Thus, water will be conserved, roadbeds held firm, and agricultural crops protected.

3. Mountain areas should be closed off while the trees develop.

4. On waste lands, plant various nut and fruit trees, some of which have international trade value. They will increase agricultural off-season production possibilities.

5. Plant fast-growing fuel-producing trees in suburban areas.

6. Encourage private and cooperative nurseries in areas where saplings are scarce.

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a. Promotion of the program is easiest where protection of groves has been best heretofore.

b. Call together experts on tree planting and raising to teach groups of cadres the basic principles so that they may propagandize and train the masses in this type of enterprise, and develop a positive attitude toward it.

c. Collective and cooperative afforestation enterprises may be undertaken in extensive mountain or arid areas. Care must be exercised at the outset to have clear agreements showing in what manner the resulting timber is to be apportioned to avoid misunderstandings later. Where saplings are scarce, combined public and private stock companies may be organized to establish seedling nurseries.

d. In areas where domestic seedlings are scarce, cuttings and wild saplings may be used. Seedling markets should be developed and afforestation cooperatives organized to care for shortages.

ANHWEI AND KIANGSU PLAN AFFORESTATION -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 21 Mar 50

The authorities of northern Anhwei and northern Kiangsu have ordered the planting of more than 3 million trees in eight hsiens of the area.

TENANTS BUY BONDS WITH RENT FUNDS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 19 Mar 50

In the city of Canton, tenants are assisting landlords to meet their bond-purchase quotas by using the funds they would otherwise pay the landlords to buy bonds for them. According to an agreement between the victory-bond sales committee and the representatives of the landlords, three classes have been established.

Those landlords whose monthly rent income is the equivalent of 880 pounds of rice or more, agreed to buy bonds to the amount of 3 months' rent, the money to be advanced by their tenants against their rent payments. Those whose monthly rent income is between the equivalent of 330-880 pounds of rice agreed to purchase 2 months' rent worth of bonds. Those whose monthly rent income is less than the equivalent of 330 pounds of rice per month will buy one month's rent worth. The tenants will pay the money to the bond-sales office, and receive the bonds and purchase certificates which they will turn over to the landlord in lieu of rent when he comes to collect.

HUNAN LAND-REFORM VOTED FOR 1950 - 1951 -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 20 Mar 50

Ch'ang-sha, 18 March (Hsin-hua) -- The Military and Political Committee of the People's government of Hunan Province, during its fourth session held 4 March, voted to carry out the land-distribution program of the land-reform policy of the CCP during the winter and spring of 1950 - 1951. It also decided to organize immediately for a successful completion of the task.

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